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DAY AHEAD

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DRIVING THE DAY

The Senate votes today on a House-passed resolution that would terminate President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the southern border.

"The president himself has told allies that he does not want to be 'embarrassed' by a Senate vote on the national emergency resolution that garners over 60 votes and that he's content to sign a veto on his signature campaign issue," reports our Congress team. "And at the same time, he was making overtures to fence-sitting senators on Wednesday trying to pull them in his direction, including a midday call to Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) about his emergency reforms while Lee dined with his colleagues."

On the other side of the Capitol, the House votes on a resolution intended to pressure federal investigators into publishing special counsel Robert Mueller's report. And across the Hill, a number of Cabinet members testify before congressional committees on the White

House's budget proposal for fiscal year 2020. Trump, for his part, will have himself a very Irish day, hosting Ireland's Prime Minister Leo Varadkar before attending the "Friends of Ireland" luncheon in the Capitol and, later, attending the annual Shamrock Bowl Presentation.

IT'S THURSDAY. Welcome back to Day Ahead. Happy Pi Day. You can find a (surprisingly extensive) list of celebratory deals here. And if pizza isn't your thing, you can find an almost as fun list of interesting facts about the number here. Get in touch: emueller@politico.com or [@eleanor_mueller](https://twitter.com/eleanor_mueller). Let's get started.

PLAYBOOK POOL: March Madness is here, which means it's time for the 3rd annual Playbook Pool bracket challenge hosted by our Playbook authors across the country (DC, NY, NJ, MA, IL, FL, & CA)! Track who's up and who's down throughout the tournament as you compete against your friends, top Playbookers, political insiders and VIPs to win prizes including an Amazon Echo, Series 3 Apple Watch, iPhoneXR and more. Create your bracket starting on Selection Sunday (March 17) after the highly anticipated field of teams in this year's tournament are chosen. Click here to get in the game!

HOUSE FLOOR

The House meets at 9 a.m.

Lawmakers will consider H. Con. Res. 24 (116), which would create pressure for special counsel Robert Mueller's report to be made available to Congress and the public. They expect to vote between 10 and 11 a.m.

SENATE FLOOR

The Senate meets at 10 a.m.

Lawmakers will consider H.J. Res. 46 (116), which would terminate Trump's declaration of a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border. A vote is possible at 1:45 p.m.

MARKUP SPOTLIGHT

9:45 a.m. The House Foreign Affairs Committee marks up four foreign affairs-related measures: H.R. 920 (116), H.R. 854 (116), H.R. 1616 (116) and H.R. 1477 (116). *2172 Rayburn.*

11:30 a.m. The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship marks up its request for a DHS report on the beneficiaries of H.R. 1547 (116): **Malachy McAllister**, **Nicola McAllister** and **Sean Ryan McAllister**. *2141 Rayburn*.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

9 a.m. House Ways and Means Committee hearing on the president's fiscal 2020 budget request. Treasury Secretary **Steven Mnuchin** testifies. *1100 Longworth*.

9 a.m. House Education and Labor Committee "Member's Day" hearing. Members of Congress testify. *2175 Rayburn*.

9 a.m. House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples hearing on murdered and missing indigenous women. *1324 Longworth*.

9:30 a.m. House Financial Services Subcommittee on Investor Protection, Entrepreneurship, and Capital Markets hearing on the SEC's best interest rule. *2128 Rayburn*.

9:30 a.m. Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the DoD's budget. Acting Defense Secretary **Patrick Shanahan** , Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. **Joseph Dunford Jr.** and Principal Deputy Defense Undersecretary **Elaine McCusker** testify. *G-50 Dirksen*.

10 a.m. The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education holds a hearing on Ebola. *124 Dirksen*.

10 a.m. Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee hearing on the Financial Stability Oversight Council. *538 Dirksen*.

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10 a.m. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on outdoor recreation. *366 Dirksen*.

10 a.m. House Oversight and Reform Committee hearing on Commerce Department oversight. Commerce Secretary **Wilbur Ross** testifies. *2154 Rayburn*.

10 a.m. House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce hearing on drunk driving technology. *2123 Rayburn*.

10 a.m. House Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces hearing on the Air Force's budget. *2212 Rayburn*.

10:15 a.m. Senate Finance Committee hearing on the president's fiscal 2020 budget request. **Mnuchin** testifies. *215 Dirksen*.

POTUS HAPPENINGS

10:45 a.m. Trump greets Irish Prime Minister **Leo Varadkar**. *West Wing Lobby*.

10:50 a.m. Trump meets with Varadkar. *Oval Office*.

11:05 a.m. Trump participates in an expanded bilateral meeting with Varadkar. *Oval Office*.

11:35 a.m. Trump sees off Varadkar. *West Wing Lobby*.

Noon. Trump participates in the Friends of Ireland Luncheon. *U.S. Capitol*.

5:45 p.m. Trump and first lady **Melania Trump** greet Varadkar. *South Portico*.

6 p.m. The Trumps participate in the Shamrock Bowl Presentation by Varadkar. *East Room*.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS TRUMP'S CABINET?

1 p.m. Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo** meets with U.N. Special Envoy for Yemen Martin Griffiths. *State Department*.

All day. Small Business Administrator **Linda McMahon** is on foreign travel as a member of the president's delegation to attend the opening ceremony and other events of the Special Olympics World Games. *Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates*.

ON THE HORIZON

SPACE JAM: Trump's proposed Space Force will face some serious roadblocks in the House and Senate. "House Armed Services Chairman Adam Smith said [Wednesday] the Trump administration's plan to create a Space Force won't survive his committee unscathed," reports our Connor O'Brien. The same day, "Senate Defense Appropriations ranking Democrat Dick Durbin of Illinois pressed Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson on whether the new branch is a wise allocation of money, calling for a 'cold day of reckoning' on the plan," Connor reports separately.

Bottom line: "'Ultimately, we're going to have to fund it, or not fund it,' added Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.)."

LEND A HAND: Senate GOP leaders will work to call up a disaster aid package by the end of the month. "Shelby ... said last week that lawmakers in the upper chamber aimed to pass an amended aid package by the end of this week, since the Senate will be adjourned for recess next week," reports our Caitlin Emma. "But several sticking points remained."

Everybody's gotta eat: "Both bills [that have been floated] include about \$600 million in nutrition assistance for Puerto Rico ... [which] has started cutting benefits from the food stamps program used by about 1 million of its residents amid inaction from lawmakers."

COLLISION COURSE: The White House and House Democrats will likely clash over the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement when it comes to Mexican labor law provisions. "One of Democrats' top concerns is to ensure Mexico implements labor law reforms required under the new trade pact — and to guarantee the deal's high labor and environment standards can be enforced," reports our Adam Behsudi and Sabrina Rodriguez. "Lighthizer told lawmakers on Wednesday, as he has said previously, that concerns over enforcement could be addressed through forthcoming legislation to implement the agreement rather than by reopening the deal to further negotiation."

Silver lining: "In spite of their concerns with elements of the deal, several lawmakers praised Lighthizer for his willingness to listen to Democrats, a departure from the rancor that has largely defined the party's relationship with the Trump administration."

ON THE CALENDAR

8 a.m. The Consumers Federation of America holds its annual National Food Policy Conference. FDA Deputy Commissioner for Food Policy **Frank Yiannas**, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry ranking member Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.), and Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-Maine) deliver remarks. *Renaissance Washington*.

8:15 a.m. The Election Verification Network and George Washington University hold a conference on election security. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and journalist **David Sanger** deliver remarks. *GWU*.

11 a.m. The Brookings Institution holds a discussion on consumer privacy regulations. FTC Commissioner **Noah Phillips** participates. *Brookings Institution*.

Noon. The Heritage Foundation holds a discussion on Republican Judiciary Committee priorities. Senate Judiciary Chairman **Lindsey Graham** (R-S.C.) and House Judiciary ranking member **Doug Collins** (R-Ga.) participate. *Heritage Foundation.*

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